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Correction of Entity Status

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

On February 14, 2005, we were informed that the "applicant of the above-captioned application has signed an agreement with larger entities and therefore is no longer entitled to claim "Small Entity" status."

By this letter, we are correcting the applicant's status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2). Moreover, we contacted the USPTO on March 14, 2005 to confirm our interpretation of the rules that no payment of deficiency of the filing fees and excess claim fees (if needed) are due since the application was properly filed for a small entity and only during the prosecution of the application did its status change for legitimate reasons.

If we are erroneous in our interpretation of the fees due, it is respectfully requested that the USPTO inform us immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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